

Birch Bay - Whatcom County



City / State: Birch Bay, WA **Event Name:** Birch Bay Walk

Event Type: Year Round Walk - Y2417

Distance - Trail Ratings: 5/8/10 K – Rated 1B

Description: Walk thru beautiful Birch Bay St. Park, Terrell Marsh Trail, along Terrell Creek and Birch Bay neighborhoods with views of Point Roberts and the Canadian Islands. Enjoy the waterfront and wildlife such as eagles & heron along the way. Stop for a picture at the marsh overlook. Restrooms available on this route.

Amenities: Strollers: medium **Wheelchairs:** medium **Pets:** Yes **Restrooms:** Yes **Special**

Programs: Walking the USA A-Z

Start Times: Sun - Sat 6 am-9 pm

Start Point / Driving Directions: From I-5 Exit 266 (Grandview) - Go west on Grandview, make a right turn at the stop sign onto Jackson Rd., go about a mile and turn left onto Helwig going towards the park. Go 1.1 mi, turn left on Birch Bay Drive. Start point is just inside the south entrance to Birch Bay State Park on Birch Bay Drive. Do not use the boat trailer parking lot. There is a restroom (seasonal) available at the start point and restrooms available on the route. **WA State Park Discovery Pass** is required for parking, \$10/day or \$30/ year. Start point Latitude & Longitude coordinates: **48.90, -122.78**

Awards & Fees: IVV Credit Only

Host: Barry Lee 360-366-4491 **Contact email:** drblee3@gmail.com

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

WALK COMPLETION AND CREDIT: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.



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5, 8 & 10 K Rating 1B Sanction # YR 2417
Walk Directions – Please recycle Emergency dial 911



Parking: Please do not park in the boat trailer area. Parking for walk is located along Birch Bay Drive

Start inside south gate into Birch Bay State Park.

0. Facing the water, **RIGHT** from parking lot on Birch Bay Dr.
1. **RIGHT** on Helwig Rd. (*first right, not marked*) (*park entrance signs on your left, cross the one lane bridge on path on the left side*).
2. **FOLLOW** Helwig Rd. .84 mi. (1.3 km) to Beachwood General Store.
3. **TURN AROUND** at Beachwood General Store heading back on Helwig Rd.
4. **LEFT** at Terrell Marsh Trail Head (bark trail across from 15mph sign).
5. **RIGHT** at “Y” (this is a loop).
6. **RIGHT** at “Y”, scenic lookout (eco system sign) and return to forest trail.
7. **RIGHT** on forest trail. (Continue on trail loop).
8. **RIGHT** at “T”.
9. **LEFT** on Helwig Rd.
10. **RIGHT** on road going to campgrounds (just beyond 2 kiosks)
11. **FOLLOW** road **LEFT** entering campground.
12. **CONTINUE** on road with cabin on your right.
13. **LEFT** on asphalt trail to bridge & beach.
CROSS bridge to playground area beyond restroom. (*restrooms open all year*) **CROSS and RIGHT** on Birch Bay Dr.

*****5 K walkers***** At north gate, **CROSS and RIGHT** on Birch Bay Dr. Returning to the South Gate on Birch Bay Dr. and finish of the walk.

14. 10K Walkers **LEFT** on Birch Bay Dr. **after sharp curve and bridge**

*****8 K walkers***** Continue at step # 20.

15. **CONTINUE** on Birch Bay Dr. for 1.2 mi. (2 km)

16. **TURN AROUND** and return the way you came at the Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce 7900 Birch Bay Dr. (*year round porta potty available at Visitors Center parking lot*).

17. **CAREFULLY CROSS** Birch Bay Dr. then Alderson Rd. at the intersection.

18. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on Morrison (*right of the “C” shop.*)

19. **VEER RIGHT** on Wooldridge Dr.

20. **RIGHT** on Jackson Rd. crossing the bridge.

21. **LEFT** on Birch Bay Dr.

22. **RETURN** to South Gate of Birch Bay State Park on Birch Bay Dr.

We hope you enjoyed this walk. Our thanks to Beachwood General Grocery Store for providing space for our walk box.

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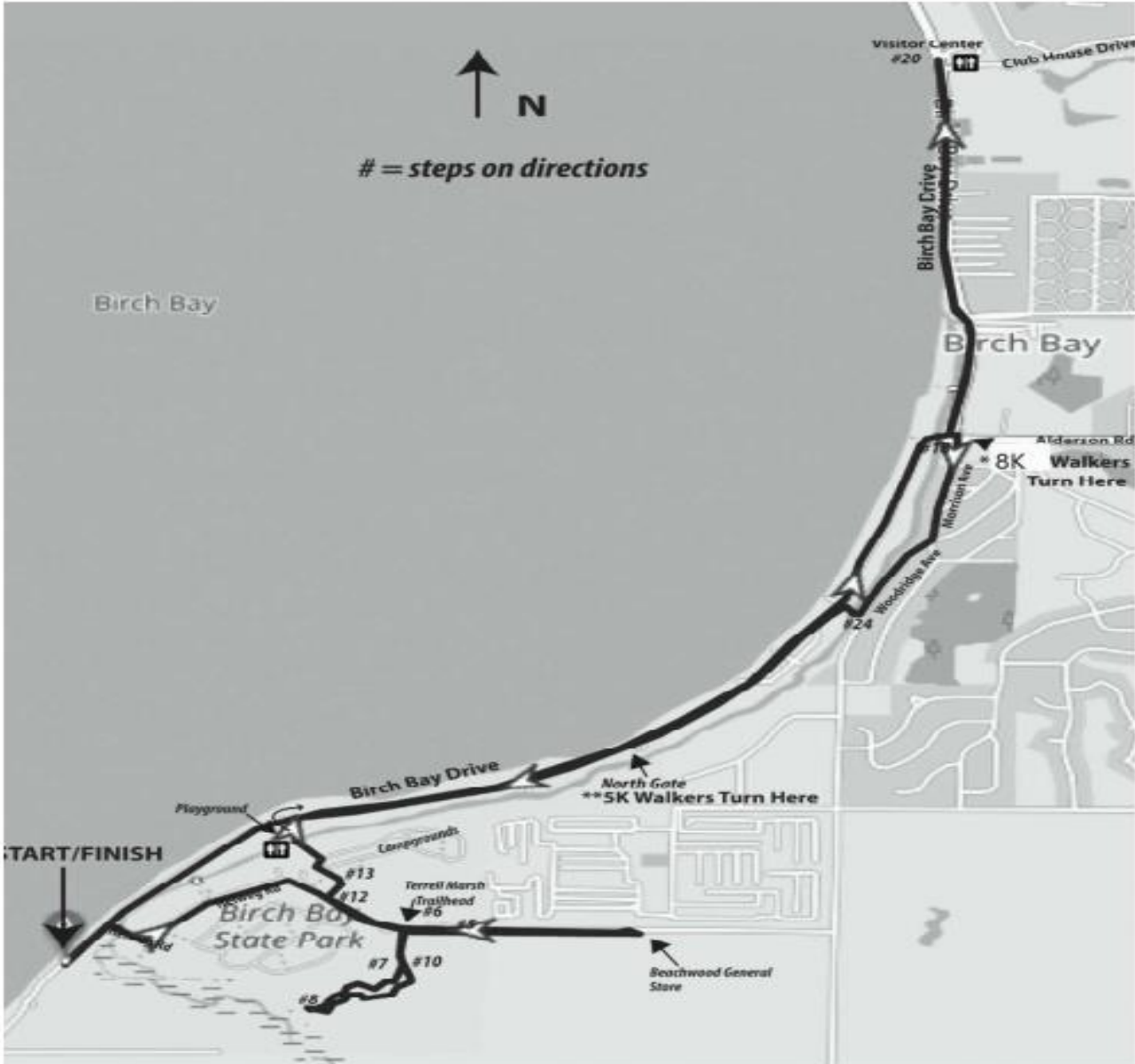


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